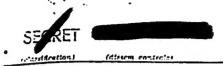


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SAX NEUA /VH Ø157/ AND THONG NAKAI IN HOUA PHAN

FROWINCE WERE SUBJECTED TO A THREE-DAY AIR ATTACK. DURING THE

ATTACK, PL FORCES SHOT DOWN AND CAPTURED TWO U.S. PILOTS. BOTH

THE OVER SIX FEET IN HEIGHT AND BLOND. THE PILOTS WERE UNINJURED.

THE TYPE OF THE AIRCRAFT IN WHICH THE PILOTS WERE DOWNED WAS

INDERTERMINED. MOST OF THE PLANES PARTICIPATING IN THE ATTACK,

HOWEVER, WERE DESCRIBED AS F-105°S AND THE PL AUTHORTIES ANNOUNCED

THAT THE PILOTS HAD EJECTED FROM TWO SEPARATE F-105°S.

OBSERVED THE PILOTS BEING LED AWAY TO AN UNKNOWN PRISON

AREA AND WAS APPROXIMATELY 35 YARDS FROM THEM WHEN THEY PASSED

HIS POSITION. OTHER SOLDIERS TOLD HIM THAT THE PILOTS WERE

AMERICANS BUT HE DID NOT ACTUALLY HEAR THEM SPEAK. /FIELD COMMENT-

WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS COMCERNING THE

2. THE TOTAL EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE AIR ATTACK WAS UNDETERMINED. PATHET LAG AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED THAT 15 F-165'S HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN. THE NUMBER OF PL KILLED WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY HIGH AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO VEHICLES AND DEFENDING WEAPONS. FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION REPORTED AT LEAST ONE PLATORN OF PL AND BORTH VIETNAMESE DEAD

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AND THREE 37MM ANTIAIRCRAFT GUNS DESTROYED. THE PL CEASED TO DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS THREE DAYS AFTER THE AIR ATTACKS BEGAN AND HID IN CAVES IN THE AREA TO WAIT FOR THE ATTACKS TO STOP.

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